

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

Proposed amendments to the Maine Bar Rules regarding transcripts and release of information to law enforcement and the Maine Assistance Program for Lawyers and Judges

Comments must be filed by Tuesday, August 16, 2022

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court invites comments on proposed amendments to the Maine Bar Rules that would (1) amend Rules 13(g)(3) and 14(a)(7) to clarify that any party who desires a transcript must obtain them from the preparer of the transcript and (2) amend Rule 18(g) to permit Bar Counsel to provide relevant information to law enforcement when a complaint accuses an attorney of a crime or to the Director of the Maine Assistance Program for Lawyers and Judges when Bar Counsel determines that a lawyer should be contacted concerning that program.

The proposed amendments are available on the Court's website at www.courts.maine.gov/rules/bar

Any comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022**. Comments may be in writing, mailed to the address below, or in an email sent to lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov. If the comments are

in an attachment to the email, the attachment must be a document in native (text-based and not scanned) portable document format (.pdf). The Clerk's Office will acknowledge receipt of the email via reply email.

All comments must contain (1) the name and mailing address of the individual submitting the comments, and (2) the name, mailing address, and primary telephone number of the organization (if any) on whose behalf the comments are submitted. An individual need not be an attorney to submit comments individually or on behalf of an organization.

Comments are public documents and may be posted on the Court's website.

Dated: August 2, 2022

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